

declared on the hustings that he had never had any communication with "ord #handos his choice of an agent gave no little point to the charge with which the Whigs persistently assailed him that whatever his Radical protestations he was as all the time a Tory at heart () what is really of interest now is the undoubted fact that in this his first election he succeeded in effecting an alliance between Radicals and Tories between the popular elements in the constituency and the supporters of privilege and tradition (when the day of nomination came he obtained his position in a long speech on the hustings () he declared the advantage of no party if the Tories had supported him the people had supported him first as regards the Reform Act it was only a means to a great end he expected to derive from it financial ecclesiastical and legal reform () he could see the amelioration of the condition of the poor the happiness of the many must not be referred to the happiness of the few and as regards himself he had never received one shilling of the public money and he belonged to a family who never had he was sprung moreover from the people and had none of the blood of the Plantagenets in his veins () but in spite of this popular programme and these many popular qualifications he speedily found it useless to persevere the poll at its close on June 26 being 7

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The defeated candidate consoled himself with another lengthy speech in which he fiercely assailed the opposition and poured the vials of his wrath on all his enemies () he ended according to his opponents with the words :The Whigs have cast me off, and they shall repent it:/ but in a letter to *The Times* Disraeli reudiated this version () whatever may be the disposition of the Whigs to me they never could have cast me off, since I never had the

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